

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A connector, comprising:
2 a first connector housing, provided with a flexible lock arm;
3 a tubular fitting detector, fitted to an outer periphery of the first
4 connector housing while being slidable thereon between a first position and a
5 second position;
6 a retainer, provided on the fitting detector, and adapted to be engaged
7 with a first portion of the lock arm in a case where the fitting detector is placed
8 at the first position, and engaged with a second portion of the lock arm in a
9 case where the fitting detector is placed at the second position;
10 a second connector housing, provided with a projection adapted to
11 release the engagement between the retainer and the first portion of the lock
12 arm in a case where the second connector housing is completely fitted with the
13 first connector housing, so that the fitting detector is allowed to slide from the
14 first position to the second position; and
15 a finger pad, provided on the fitting detector, and arranged such that
16 an operator's finger is placeable thereon while being separated from at least
17 the lock arm, during a fitting operation between the first connector housing and
18 the second connector housing.
- 1 2. The connector as set forth in claim 1, wherein an upper face of the
2 finger pad on which the operator's finger is placed is situated upper than an
3 upper face of the lock arm.

1 3. The connector as set forth in claim 1, wherein the fitting detector
2 comprises a pair of side walls and a bridge member connecting the side walls
3 while preventing the operator's finger from being brought into contact with the
4 first connector housing.

1 4. The connector as set forth in claim 3, wherein the bridge member
2 comprises a guide projection which is usually brought into contact with the first
3 connector housing.

1 5. The connector as set forth in claim 4, wherein the guide projection is
2 extended from the bridge member in a sliding direction of the fitting detector.